

Palestinians keep up protests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinian protesters threw stones at Israeli soldiers and vehicles on Monday, the second consecutive day of demonstrations in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Army sources quoted by Reuter said the protesters set up barricades and hurled stones in Hebron and outside Ramallah on the West Bank and at several places in the Gaza Strip. Palestinian sources said troops made several arrests in Hebron but there were no reports of injuries. Five Palestinian boys were shot and wounded during protests on Sunday marking the 40th anniversary of the U.N. resolution proposing the partition of Palestine. A curfew imposed on the Balata refugee camp near Nablus on the West Bank after Sunday's incidents was lifted on Monday.

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Talks on refugees begin today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The directors of social affairs in Arab countries hosting Palestinian refugees open a meeting here Tuesday at the headquarters of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) to discuss problems related to social affairs and conditions of Palestinian refugees in host countries. The director general of UNRWA's relief services in Vienna will chair the three-day meeting. Jordan's delegation to the meeting will submit working papers to the meeting on the standard of social services at refugee camps in Jordan and problems impeding relief work. Other participants will submit working papers on social affairs services in their respective regions. Other participants will be submitted by UNRWA's Amman and Vienna offices. Participants, who come from Syria, Lebanon, the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip will also visit Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan.

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Centre on Arab children to be set up in Amman

CAIRO (Petra) — The Arab Childhood Development Council's board of trustees ended its meeting here on Monday after approving plans for setting up an Amman-based Arab study and research centre on Arab children. Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, president of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund and member of the council's board of trustees, attended the meetings. Princess Basma expressed Jordan's thanks and appreciation for the council's decision to choose Amman as the venue for the new centre. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan is the honorary president of the council which was founded in Amman in April 1987.

Dakhqan returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Transport Minister Ahmad Dakhqan returned from Tunis Monday after heading Jordan's delegation to meetings of the Arab Transport Ministers Council. Mr. Dakhqan, in an arrival statement, said that the council condemned Iranian attacks and aggression against Iraqi transport installations despite Iraq's positive response to all international peace initiatives and called on Arab states to offer facilities and to give priority to Iraqi transport companies.

Egyptian and Iraqi ministers arrive

AMMAN (Petra) — Egyptian Transport Minister Suleiman Metwally and Iraqi Transport Minister Mohammad Al Zubeidi arrived here on Monday to take part in meetings of the Arab Bridge Shipping Company which will open here today. A board of directors will be appointed for the new company to enable it to start its activities as of January 1988. The company which groups Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, will be engaged in sea transport operations.

Institute of Arab World opened in Paris

PARIS (AP) — The New Institute of the Arab World, a unique Franco-Arab cultural endeavour that has already won kudos for its architecture, officially became part of the Parisian landscape Monday in an inauguration ceremony by President Francois Mitterrand. The airy glass and steel structure on the left bank of the Seine melds modern Paris architecture with Arab forms and themes to create a centre for a "dialogue of cultures" billed as unique in the world.

Assad in Romania

BUCHAREST (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad arrived in Romania on Monday for talks with President Nicolae Ceausescu, the official Agerpres news agency said. Mr. Ceausescu greeted Mr. Assad at the airport and diplomats said the Syrian leader would probably press Romania to use its influence to promote an international peace conference on the Middle East under United Nations auspices.

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King visits Baghdad, holds talks with Iraqi president

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Monday paid a brief visit to Baghdad and held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on issues related to the normalisation of relations between Iraq and Syria.

The King's talks with President Hussein were "within the framework of the ongoing consultations and coordination between Jordan and Iraq and covered current Arab affairs" and "its outcome which aims at enhancing Arab solidarity," in the light of the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman Nov. 8-11, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

His Majesty the King visited Damascus and met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad last week following the Arab summit in Amman, where he arranged a meeting between Mr. Assad and President Hussein.

The King was expected to push for an early resumption of

diplomatic ties between Baghdad and Damascus, an Arab diplomat quoted by Reuter said.

Relations have been broken

since 1980, when Syria backed

Iraq in its war with Iraq. Its

support was a major obstacle to

earlier attempts to bridge the gap

between the two countries.

Since the Arab League meeting, Iraqi and Syrian news media have ended attacks on each other. A group of Syrian

businessmen flew to Iraq last

week for talks which they said

centred on the possible resumption of trade ties.

The group was led by the chairman of Syria's chamber of commerce, Badreddin Shahla. He told reporters in Baghdad that

the Damascus government had approved the trip.

The King was accompanied by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on his visit to Baghdad on Monday.

The King's talks with President Hussein were attended by Mr. Rifai, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taiba Yassin Ramadhan, Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, Revolutionary Command Council member Saadoun Shaker, Information Minister Lanf Nasif Jassim and the head of the presidential palace, Ahmad Samir Rai.

Petra said the King and President Hussein also discussed means of promoting bilateral cooperation. The talks continued over a luncheon hosted by President Hussein in honour of the King. It was attended by senior Iraqi government officials.

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Iraqis and Iranians keep up new wave of cross-border air raids

NICOSIA (AP) — Iraqi warplanes bombed two power plants in western Iraq and Iranian fighter-bombers struck a petrochemical complex in northern Iraq in tit-for-tat air raids Monday.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi military official said Iranian buildups along the 1,180-kilometre front were "the last kick of the dying," insisting Iraqi forces would crush an imminent Iranian ground offensive.

In London, Lloyds shipping intelligence unit confirmed two Iraqi raids on tankers in the Gulf — one on Friday and another on Sunday.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said that the Iranian raid targeted a residential area in Telkif, near

the northern city of Mosul, killing a civilian man and wounding another.

Tehran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said the Iranian jets bombed a petrochemical plant in Mosul at 7:45 a.m. (0415 GMT).

Tehran Radio confirmed that Iraqi fighter-bombers raided the Hamadan province, but did not identify the targets hit or elaborate on the damage.

INA said the Iraqi warplanes struck at 9:54 a.m. (0654 GMT) a major power generating dam south of Kangavar and returned six minutes later to stage another major raid on a power distribution complex just north of Hamadan city.

The Iranian mobilisation, he said, "is the last kick of the dying," insisting Iraq has "completely all preparations to defeat it."

Iraq accuses Moscow of being the 'chief obstacle' blocking arms embargo on Iran

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz has accused the Soviet Union, Baghdad's main arms supplier, of being the "chief obstacle" blocking the imposition of an arms embargo against Iran.

The foreign minister said in an address to the Iraqi parliament on Monday that he hopes the United States and Moscow "reach results that could end the (Gulf) war and bring about peace" during next week's summit talks.

In an interview with AP, Ambassador Felic Fedotov said cool to U.S.-led efforts to impose an arms embargo on Iran to force it to agree to the ceasefire call.

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STOCKHOLM (R) — Couriers for a Swedish arms dealer smuggled explosives to Iran aboard commercial flights of the West German airline Lufthansa and Swissair, according to documents seized by Swedish customs.

Customs officers seized several thousand documents in raids between 1984 and 1986 in the offices of Scandinavian Commodities AB, a company in Malmö, southern Sweden. About 1,000 pages have been made available to Reuters.

The head of Scandinavian Commodities, Karl-Erik Schmitz, is currently awaiting trial on charges of smuggling explosives to Iran. He faces up to six years in prison if convicted.

He admits supplying Iran with explosives but says it was done legally.

Arms trade experts believe Mr. Schmitz smuggled explosives worth \$600 million to Iran. He bought them from Western European explosives companies, Israel and South Africa.

"Schmitz often sent small

amounts of explosives to Iran on commercial airliners. We have many documents. They were intended as samples for testing," said senior customs official.

"After the Iranians tested and approved them, the main deliveries went by sea," he said.

According to one document — an invoice sent from Scandinavian Commodities to the Iranian National Defence Industries Organisation in Tehran — 1,000 detonators and 1,000 delay elements were sent from Frankfurt to Tehran on February 21, 1985 aboard Lufthansa flight LH 600.

Another document — a telex from Scandinavian commodity to the Iranian buyers — says a shipment of seven different kinds of explosive materials and components, including nitro penta, hexogen, hexal and combustible

burning ignition (CBI) powder, was on its way.

"We are pleased to inform you that our courier will arrive Friday morning by Swissair in Tehran with a luggage containing samples for you," the telex, dated Nov. 22, 1984, reads.

The documents show that on at least two occasions, couriers ran into problems clearing customs in Europe. But there is no mention of couriers experiencing difficulties passing airport security checks.

A telex from Mr. Schmitz to Mr. Runcie, dated Feb. 6, 1985 reads: "We have been most unfortunate with our first delivery under this contract... It should have been delivered by our own courier by air to Tehran. Our courier was however stopped in the customs and we came into a very delicate situation. The matter is however now solved."

More documents show Mr. Schmitz regularly sent explosive materials and components from Europe on Iran Air flights.

Libya denies part in new Chad fighting

ROME (AP) — Libya on Monday denied Chadian allegations that it sent troops into Chad from neighbouring Sudan.

A Libyan Foreign Ministry official quoted by the Libyan News Agency (JANA), monitored in Rome, described the reports as "lies," saying the struggle was actually being waged between opposing Chadian forces.

"Libya denies all responsibility for the inter-Chadian fighting and... has closed the Chad dossier and left Chad to the Chadians," the ministry official was quoted as saying.

The Chadian embassy in Paris issued a statement over the weekend claiming its army had fought troops from Libya's Islamic legion who entered eastern Chad from the Sudanese border Friday. It said three Chadian soldiers were killed and five wounded.

On Nov. 21, Chad reported another Libyan penetration from Sudan, saying five Libyans were killed.

In its response Monday, JANA said that in reporting the fighting, Chad "has once more... resorted to fabricating lies and incidents in

a desperate attempt to cover up the truth about the internal struggle which has been troubling the authorities in the Chadian capital."

JANA insisted that fighting among Chadian factions has never stopped and accused N'djamena of seeking to undermine peace efforts by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

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The people in Eritrea still are able to get relief food delivered from the port at Asmara, but the attacks have choked off food going overland to Tigray, to the south.

An Ethiopian rebel leader said Monday that areas his forces control are in severe drought and that unless relief goods are delivered, his group will encourage people to flee in massive numbers into neighbouring Sudan as refugees.

Khartoum, whose devastated economy has had to care for hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian and other foreigners for much of this decade, has said that no more refugees will be let in.

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What's going on

TODAY'S EVENTS

* Turkish products exhibition at the Housing Bank Centre.

* An exhibition of watercolour paintings of Jordan and Egypt by Mario Savage at the Petra Bank Gallery — Wadi Saqra (until Nov. 30 to Dec. 5).

* A European film festival and an exhibition of photographs and posters at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Dec. 11).

* Tonight's film: "De Vlaezaard" (Belgian) at 8:00 p.m.

* Dr. Samuel P. Asper, the leading expert on U.S. medical education for foreign doctors, will give a public talk on "Education of Foreign Doctors in the United States" on Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

* The ABC News at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre library.

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American Centre Library Tel. 641520

British Council Tel. 631478

French Cultural Centre Tel. 637009

Goethe Institute Tel. 641993

Soviet Cultural Centre Tel. 64203

Spanish Cultural Centre Tel. 624049

Turkish Cultural Centre Tel. 639777

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Y.W.M.A. Tel. 664251

Amman Municipal Library Tel. 637111

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CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Tel. 642590.

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Tel. 624590.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Tel. 624590.

Jabal Luweibeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 622366.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771321.

St. George Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771781.

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Shomron: 3 commandos involved in Israeli camp raid

TEL AVIV (AP) — A top army official said three guerrillas, not two as reported earlier, tried to break through the Israeli-Lebanese border on hang-giders last week, a newspaper reported.

One of the guerrillas landed in northern Israel on Wednesday and opened fire on an army camp, killing six soldiers and wounding seven before being shot.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Gen. Geo. Shomron and other top army officials on Monday briefed the cabinet on the attack, but no details were released.

After the session, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said the army would soon draw the appropriate conclusions and in the meantime would do everything possible to prevent future attacks.

Army officials said after a preliminary investigation that soldiers at the camp ignored a 20-minute advance warning of a possible attack and failed to carry out orders to go on high alert.

The soldier who eventually killed the guerrilla said he only succeeded because the attacker stopped firing for a few seconds to change magazines.

"The dead attacker seemed well-trained, jumping about with great speed and shooting and throwing grenades right at the

soldiers' heads," Samal Gideon Bashari was quoted as saying by the domestic Itim news agency.

"The army didn't train me to fight an individual attacker."

Bashari, who was wounded in the attack, told Gen. Shomron from his hospital bed. "I was taught how to capture positions and fight against enemy forces, not against an individual soldier."

The Israeli police have opened an investigation into the Agence France-Presse (AFP) news agency on charges the agency violated military censorship when it reported last week's border infiltration by a glider-borne guerrilla.

Police spokesman Rafi Levy on Sunday said investigators were considering the rare disciplinary action of filing legal charges against the French agency, which reported the infiltration while the story was still banned from publication.

Although reporters were banned from publishing news of the infiltration until early Thursday morning, AFP transmitted the story without submitting it to the military censor at about 11:40 p.m. Wednesday.

According to Israeli law, all journalists must submit any stories involving defence issues to the military censor for prior approval.

Jacques Pinto, AFP's deputy bureau chief in Jerusalem, blamed the incident on an inexperienced staffer.

"We tried to correct the error, but it was too late," Pinto said. "The story had already been broadcast to many points."

Pinto said he was called in to police headquarters on Thursday and questioned for two hours. "I hope that was the end of it," he said.

But Levy said investigators had not yet decided whether to file charges against the agency.

Pinto said the rare decision by the military censor to request a police investigation "shows how angered they were about this particular case."

Generally, foreign journalists who break censorship are given warnings by the censor's office. In rare cases, the censor will revoke press credentials, and some organisations have had their international telex transmissions interrupted briefly.

Ozal sweeps back to power

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's Prime Minister Turgut Ozal swept back to office on Monday with an absolute parliamentary majority from general election voters seeking stability.

With less than two million of the 26 million votes still to be counted, officials said Mr. Ozal's conservative Motherland Party was set to win about 290 seats in an expanded 450-seat assembly.

Only two of five other parties, the centre-left Social Democratic Populist Party (SDPP) and the right-of-centre True Path Party (TPP), were likely to win seats and provide vocal opposition, especially on economic issues.

The opposition had complained during the campaign that the complex election system, which combines first-past-the-post with proportional representation, was biased in favour of Mr. Ozal.

Political science Professor Fahir Armaoglu, a respected newspaper columnist, told Reuters: "The result shows that the Turkish people, who suffered in the days before the 1980 coup, want stability more than anything else."

The election was the most open since the coup and three years of military rule which crushed political chaos and extremist violence in which more than

Crown Prince stresses responsibility of media

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has delegated Jordan's ambassador to the United Kingdom, Albert Butros, to deliver his address at a ceremony in London for awarding certificates of merit for outstanding radio and television productions in the U.K. and the countries of the Third World.

In his address, Prince Hassan underlined the role of radio and television in the modern age of technology. He also stressed the role of satellites in promoting understanding among nations.

The Crown Prince emphasised the serious responsibility of those involved in radio and television production.

Prince Hassan also pointed to the use of radio and television in promoting development and

North-South dialogue. He called on authorities in charge of these media to focus their attention on topics of concern to the Third World and to highlight the achievements and services of these countries towards promoting human civilisation.

In his address, the Crown Prince referred to humanitarian issues which, he said, were highlighted by the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues, and paid tribute to the Jordanian Radio and Television Corporation for its efforts in spreading awareness among the public on various humanitarian issues.

Dr. Butros distributed awards and certificates of merit to a selected group of radio and television programme producers.

Symposium calls for Arab higher councils on roads

AMMAN (J.T.) — A three-day symposium on the prevention of road accidents ended here on Monday with the delegates recommending that higher councils on roads be established in each Arab state for designing and supervising programmes to reduce the number of road accidents.

The symposium, which discussed a large number of working papers on subjects related to roads and road accidents, recommended that Arab governments offer first aid training to members of the public, so that citizens could be capable of assisting road accident victims, according to Zuhair Malhas, President of the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents (JSERA), which helped to organise the symposium.

Dr. Malhas said that the participants recommended setting up data banks on road accidents, administered by Arab experts, for collecting and analysing information and advising planners. The symposium also recom-

mended that more intensive campaigns be launched, throughout the Arab World, on ways to reduce road accidents.

Dr. Malhas noted that the participants gave prominence in their discussions to traffic engineering and the need for proper specifications and measurements in road-planning.

He said they recommended that traffic regulations be introduced in school curricula, so that children learn about these rules at an early age.

The participants called on Arab countries to unify their legislation governing the use of roads and the use of safety equipment, such as seat belts, and the issuance of drivers licences only after applicants pass first aid courses.

Upon the conclusion of the symposium, the delegates sent a cable to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, voicing appreciation for his sponsorship of the event.

Seminar to discuss oil and future development

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seminar on prospects for oil and future development in the Arab World opens here today with the participation of oil and energy ministers from Arab countries.

The seminar, which is expected to be opened by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, will also be attended by experts and officials from Western European countries, including Mr. Claude Cheysson, European Community (EC) commissioner for Mediterranean policy North-South relations. The two-day seminar is expected to focus mainly on oil relations between Europe and the Arab World.

The organisers of the seminar are: the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in Jordan, the

Arab Thought Forum, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development in Kuwait, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) in Kuwait and the Beijer Institute (The Swedish Academy of Sci-

ence).

A press release issued by the organisers on the eve of the seminar said that despite all efforts towards developing other sources of energy, oil will continue to be a crucial factor in global economic viability and growth.

The Arab countries will, in view of their major oil resources, continue to play a fundamental role as energy suppliers, and will be strongly affected by developments in the oil markets, the release said.

British artist paints unusual views of well-known places

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At the Petra Bank Art Gallery this week is an exhibition of watercolour paintings by the British artist, Martin Savage. Entitled "Two Journeys to the South; the King's Highway and the Nile," the watercolours capture familiar and not so familiar views of Jordan and Egypt.

A popular artist whose work sells well, Savage aims to please. He claims not to be a great artist but, rather, a craftsman, providing the kind of paintings that are a great demand, as did the early Impressionists whose atmosphere and mood Savage strives to imbibe into his own work.

In some of his work, Savage is quite successful in capturing the spirit of these artists. The painting of the little brown and white-tickled mosque at Aydos, with its clarity and transparency, is specially effective. This mosque also represents a more unusual view of a famous site. It is when Savage concentrates on such views, rather than on the more commonly depicted ones, that his work takes on a special quality.

Other examples of this uncommon view are his renderings of the cottage beneath the walls of hobak and of the house in Ibeis. In these paintings, he captures the attractive simplicity of these dwellings, as well as a

strong sense of the wide-open space in which they sit — a feeling that only comes with a deep understanding of the Jordanian countryside.

Savage is equally successful in his painting of the Dead Sea as it is seen glimmering in the distance from the hills of Tafleah; the view of Madaba with its clustering houses crowned by the red-roofed church — a scene so familiar yet so rarely captured; and the Egyptian village scenes with their ochre houses and tall palms.

In all of these well-composed works, Savage has caught the clear, vaulting blue of the endless sky, as well as little details that give the scenes their touch of true authenticity.

It is in these works, as well, that Savage's new-found boldness with colour and his increased confidence combine most successfully and effectively with his spontaneity and lightness of touch.

Aware of his own weaknesses and capable of pinpointing where a certain painting is not quite right, perhaps in terms of composition or in application of paint, Savage draws on the experience and, thus, moves from strength to strength.

The exhibition, which was opened by British Ambassador Mr. John Coles on Sunday, will run until Dec. 5.

revealed that the group had been in the practice of forging the seal and signatures and providing fake work permit cards.

Dr. Utum urged employers and non-Jordanians wishing to obtain permits to submit their applications to the Ministry of Labour's employment offices without seeking help through a third party.

French duo brings fresh breeze of classical music

By Jean-Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Starting off the season of classical concerts is the French duo Jean Mouillere, on violin, and Michele Boegner, on piano, who will perform at the Amman Baccalaureate School on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The one-performance event, under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, is organised by the French Cultural Centre, with the assistance of the Societe Generale and the Holiday Inn.

What makes the concert exceptional is not only the celebrity of Michele Boegner and Jean Mouillere, who have been described by the international press as the "ideal couple," but also the fact that they might be the most qualified and talented ambassadors of a very popular brand of classical music — chamber music.

Considered separately, each of the performers is an accomplished soloist and has already had a brilliant career. Both of them have worked with the illustrious Charles Munch, and Ms. Boegner has performed under the direction of Lorin Maazel, Benzi

and several other well-known conductors.

Playing together, and beyond their impressive count of awards, prizes and other achievements, they have been praised for their pure and vivid rendering of Mozart sonatas.

"Superb musicality," "beauty of sound," "directly from heaven... Mozart language itself" are the terms used by the press to describe their interpretation. Their recording of the complete Mozart sonatas is becoming a reference work.

Wednesday's programme includes four sonatas: Beethoven's Kreutzer sonata, another by Maurice Ravel, Mozart's sonata 3 in C major, and Cesar Franck's sonata in A major.

Even to those who have never accepted the extremely modern forms of classical music, such as the works of Pierre Boulez, Schoenberg, Stockhausen or Iannis Xenakis, the performance of Michele Boegner and Jean Mouillere will be a refreshing and pleasant breeze of genuine and beautiful musical art — sincere, clear and simple, yet deep and sophisticated.



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai confers on Monday with Claude Cheysson, European Community (EC) commissioner for Mediterranean policy and North-

South relations. Mr. Rifai reviewed Middle East developments and Jordan-EC relations with Mr. Cheysson (Petra photo)

Jordan, Denmark discuss prospects for further cooperation in energy fields

AMMAN (J.T.) — Danish Minister of Energy Svend Erik Hovmand on Monday met with Jordanian Cabinet ministers and other senior officials to discuss prospects of promoting Danish-Jordanian economic and trade relations.

The Danish minister, who arrived on Sunday to take part in a seminar on prospects for oil and future development in Arab countries, paid tribute to Jordans-Jordanian economic and trade relations.

At a meeting with Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan, Mr. Hovmand said that his country was ready to contribute to Jordan's development schemes and to promote bilateral cooperation through joint committees.

Denmark has supported the European Community's recent resolution which calls for marketing West Bank products in European countries," Mr. Hovmand said at the meeting.

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Dr. Kanaan briefed the Danish minister on Jordan's current five-year national development plan, saying that Jordan has been able

to attain a high rate of development.

He explained the investment incentives offered by the Jordanian government and said that the Kingdom was keen on promoting its economic and trade ties with Denmark, especially in the fields of energy and electricity.

Mr. Hovmand also explained a Jordanian-sponsored five year development scheme for the Israeli occupied Arab territories which, he said, is aimed at helping the Arab population face the consequences of the Israeli occupation, such as unemployment, forced migration and economic restrictions.

Mr. Hovmand and his accompanying delegation later called at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) and met with its President Jawad Al Anani, who briefed them on its development of and services.

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Neighbours and friends

THE SYMPOSIUM on economic integration and cooperation between Jordan and the European Economic Community (EEC) held in Amman under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan marked the 10th anniversary of the Jordan-EEC Agreement on Economic and Social Cooperation. Clearly, the participants at the symposium drew heavily on the experiences gained in the past 10 years, when Jordan-EEC economic and social relations took off on a good, solid start.

The two-day session of the Euro-Arab dialogue, which was also held in Amman under the patronage of Prince Hassan marked the third such meeting organised by the Arab Thought Forum. The agenda of this session of the Euro-Arab dialogue focused on regional issues, ranging from the Gulf situation to the Arab-Israeli conflict. However, the session concentrated mainly on general Euro-Arab relations with a view to the future.

One does not have to look far to discern that the two important gatherings are highly complementary. In fact, one cannot review Arab-EEC economic and social relations outside the greater context of the Euro-Arab dialogue. This larger dialogue acts as the umbrella under which all economic, social and cultural ties between the EEC and the Arab World are pursued and articulated. There is no better way to express this complementary approach in Arab-European relations than to recall the words of the president of the University of Jordan in his address to the symposium on behalf of Prince Hassan on Saturday. He said that Jordan links to Europe as a partner and an ideal party to work with towards the attainment of its economic and social development objectives. In his inaugural speech in the Euro-Arab dialogue forum on Sunday, Prince Hassan reiterated the Arab wish and determination to further develop Arab-European relations. He rightly pointed out that the proximity between Western Europe and the Arab World is more than geographic but touches on shared traditions and cultural heritage, as well. The attainment of unity in the perspectives of the two sides provides the terra firma on which future comprehensive relations should be established.

There were many eras in the past when Europeans and Arabs shared "one world," when the exchange of knowledge and perspectives was the rule rather than the exception. That is why in pursuit of solutions to our contemporary problems, whether in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict or the Gulf war, the Arabs look first and foremost to Europe for understanding, cooperation and assistance.

In this vein, it is our earnest hope that the participants at the current dialogue, as well as the policy-makers in Western European capitals, would begin to view the issues and conflicts of our area of the world on a regional level. To paraphrase the words of Prince Hassan in this context, Western Europe is invited to tackle "the convergence of tension spots" in the region by linking the Arab-Israeli conflict with the Gulf war. Indeed, the two conflicts have many similarities and pose common threats and dangers. Of the two conflicts, the Arab-Israeli conflict, especially in the Palestinian problem, remains our region's primary conflict and constitutes the basis of the string of crises that have plagued us.

To have a constructive dialogue between the Arab World and Western Europe could be just the modest beginning of the process of understanding and unification of perspectives. Yet without such an exchange of views, the peoples and governments of the two sides cannot hope to arrive at a shared perspective with a view to eliminating the critical points of contention between them and commence the task of finding constructive solutions to the problems of the Middle East.

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Al Ra'i: Solidarity with Palestinians

ON THE DAY OF SOLIDARITY with the Palestinian People King Hussein reiterated to the international community that Jordan's support for the rights of the Palestinian people is unarguable since it emanates from Jordan's historic, geographic and national links with the Palestinian people. Jordan, the King said, continues all that it can to fulfil the aspirations of the people under Israeli rule. In his message to the U.N. committee on the Palestinian people's rights, the King said that the struggle in Palestine is one between the legitimate owners of the land and the usurpers; and for this reason Jordan spares no effort in supporting the steadfastness of Arab people of Palestine to help them hold tightly to their land and their homes. In this light we tell the aggressors that they can not enjoy peace and occupy our land at the same time, and their plans and expansionist designs will end in failure because the Palestinians are firm in their determination to resist enemy plans.

Al Dustour: Struggling for Palestine

IN HIS MESSAGE to the U.N. committee on the rights of the Palestinian people King Hussein stressed that the conflict in Palestine is a struggle between the owners of the land and the usurpers of Palestine. Jordan over the past 40 years, the King said, has built its policy on supporting the Palestinians in their struggle to maintain their rights in their land. Jordan has been extending help and assistance to the Palestinians with the hope of rescuing the land of Palestine from Israeli annexation and Judaisation, and has been trying to help the Palestinians to abort Israel's plans and its attempts to evict the Arabs from their homeland. The Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People was another chance for Jordan to reiterate its policy and to declare its support for the U.N. committee's endeavours to help the Palestinians regain their rights and their homes. The King said that Jordanians and Palestinians form one part of the Arab Nation which is the target of Israel's aggression. Jordan, the King said, should and will continue its help to the Palestinians with all its might and with whatever means under its disposal.

Sawt Al Shaab: Jordan's commitment

KING HUSSEIN seized the opportunity of the Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People in order to reaffirm Jordan's total commitment to the people now under Israeli yoke. In his message to the U.N. committee on the rights of the Palestinian people the King explained Jordan's firm policy with regard to Palestine with which Jordan is closely bound geographically, demographically and historically. The King said, attracts millions of believers in God, and for him personally it is a country to which the Hashemite family is attached and one that is holy for all Muslims. In his message, the King reiterated his personal commitment to the Palestinians and their land, and pledged more support and assistance to the Palestinians to help them regain their legitimate rights.

Gorbachev gets INF success but reform pressures continue

By Tony Barber
Reuters

MOSCOW — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev enters next month's summit with President Reagan certain of securing his first solid success on arms control but acutely aware of the pressures on his drive for domestic reform.

The U.S.-Soviet agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons (INF), which the two leaders are due to sign in Washington, enables Gorbachev to contend that his "new thinking" on foreign policy has produced tangible results.

But the road to the summit was rocky. When U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz visited Moscow in October on a trip expected to produce a date for the summit, Gorbachev said an INF accord alone was not enough for a meeting with Reagan.

This position abruptly changed within a few days when Gorbachev despatched Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to Washington to pursue talks on

the INF accord and announce that a summit in the United States would be held.

One Western ambassador in Moscow said he thought Gorbachev hesitated before fixing a summit date because he felt he had to consult one last time with colleagues in the ruling politburo.

His caution was provoked, many foreign analysts think, partly by a row in the Communist Party in October when Boris Yeltsin, outspoken leader of the Moscow city party, offered to resign because he thought reform was happening too slowly.

Gorbachev, who earlier had endorsed Yeltsin's attacks on corruption and resistance to reform, sanctioned the dismissal of Yeltsin in November — seemingly because in the last resort the Kremlin leader put a premium on party unity and discipline.

The youngest Kremlin leader since Josef Stalin, Gorbachev took power in March 1985 at the age of 54 and quickly impressed his countrymen and the outside

world with his vigorous but informal style of leadership.

At home, he introduced more openness in public life, ousted officials linked to the late President Leonid Brezhnev, cracked down on corruption, tried to streamline the economy, freed some dissident and even hinted at a review of Stalin's misrule.

In foreign policy, he established himself as a formidable opponent to Reagan and sought to inject new dynamism into Moscow's policies on nuclear arms control, Soviet-Chinese relations, the Afghan war and Eastern European affairs.

The result has been a ferment unmatched in Soviet life since the times of Nikita Khrushchev, who denounced Stalin in 1956 and, like Gorbachev, encouraged a cultural thaw that led to the publication of outspoken books and more frankness in the press.

A stocky, balding peasant's son from southern Russia with a Moscow University degree in law, Gorbachev often portrayed his

politics as "revolutionary" and an attempt to make up for ground lost under Stalin, Khrushchev and Brezhnev.

As the scale of Gorbachev's

ambitions became clear, so did the extent to which his policies were meeting resistance in the vast party and government bureaucracy, and rousing up against deep-rooted apathy among millions of Soviet people.

From the summer of 1986 on, Gorbachev increasingly filled his speeches with attacks on his opponents, declaring that "the old is not giving up without a fight" and vowing that he would tolerate no let-up in his drive for change.

The composition of the ruling party politburo and its central committee secretariat, which runs the party machine, made clear Gorbachev could not afford to ignore the influence of leaders with views more conservative than his own.

Two close associates of Brezhnev, Kazakh party chief Din-

mukhamed Kunayev and Ukrainian leader Vladimir Shcherbitsky held on to their politburo posts, until well after Gorbachev's initial clear-out of the Kremlin "old guard."

Gorbachev helped generate a fresher atmosphere in U.S.-Soviet relations and has met Reagan at two previous summits, in November 1985 and October 1986.

The 1986 summit in Reykjavik produced tentative accords on sweeping reductions in nuclear weapons, but fell apart over disagreement on Reagan's "Star Wars" space defence project — for Gorbachev, the key obstacle to progress.

Gorbachev reshaped Soviet policy towards Asia, seeking improved relations with China — estranged from Moscow since the 1960s — and Japan. He maintained traditional warm ties with India by visiting New Delhi in November 1986.

Gorbachev also sought to end the deadlock over the Afghan war, which he called "a bleeding wound" for the Soviet Union, and declared Moscow's readiness to withdraw the forces which it sent into Afghanistan in December 1979.

Western officials who have met Gorbachev describe him as a humorous, outgoing, and highly intelligent man, with an open mind, who displays a charm and ease of manner rare among past Soviet leaders.

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Egypt holds Sudan to scoreless draw in Africa Cup first leg

KHARTOUM (R) — Egypt's National held Sudan's Al Hilal to a 0-0 draw in an uninspired first-leg of the African Champions' Cup soccer final here on Sunday.

The Egyptians, who played a tactical defensive game, were just shadows of the glittering side which won the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1986 for the third year in a row and won the Champions' Cup in 1982.

They seemed threatened by Al Hilal, the dark horse of this year's competition, in short spells during the second-half.

But the Sudanese, who surprised everybody including themselves by reaching the final could not pierce National's defences.

Having squandered the chance to score at home with the support of a maximum capacity crowd at Khartoum Stadium, Al Hilal will now have to live with the awesome prospect of taking on the Egyptians when they are invincible.

Abdul Aziz Zakaria, better known here as Mengistu, was

able at home with a blank score sheet from the Sunday clash.

National looked agonisingly close to go one up two minutes into the match, when Aiman Shawki hit the right post from a loose ball deflected by goalkeeper Yer Deng.

With midfielder Tamer Abu Zeid and forward Hossam Hassan closely marked, National never came close again.

Al Hilal, the first Sudanese side ever to reach the final of an African club competition, took the initiative in the second-half, but they lacked the finishing touch and were consistently denied by National's alert defenders.

Temper briefly flared in the dying minutes, prompting the referee to book Hilal's Gamal Khamis for dissent.

Earlier in the match, National's Hassan was involved in a mid-air collision. He was treated on the sidelines and came back on with his right arm bandaged.

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia broke the bank in the \$1-million-stakes match tennis show Sunday, beating Pat Cash of Australia in the finals, 11-21, 21-18, 21-7, 22-20.

Lendl took home \$583,200, while Cash left empty-handed.

"I felt a little sympathy for him. It's hard to play like this and walk away with nothing. But we all knew it could happen," Lendl said. "When I remember Wimledon, though, I lose my sympathy for him."

Lendl, the world's No. 1 player, and Cash, the Australian who beat him in the Wimledon final, qualified for the best of five finals of 21-point games by beating out Stefan Edberg and John McEnroe in two days of round robin matches.

Blazers score their 5th consecutive triumph

PORTRLAND, Oregon (AP) — Clyde Drexler and Steve Johnson scored 28 points each Sunday night, leading the Portland Trail Blazers to their fifth consecutive NBA victory, 125-104 over the New Jersey Nets, who lost their fifth straight game.

Jerome Kersey, who scored 21 points in the first half, finished with a season-high 27 for the Trail Blazers. Kersey scored 12 in the last 6 minutes of the first half as Portland turned a 42-34 deficit into a 61-54 halftime lead with a 27-12 streak.

"I couldn't find water in Saudi Arabia and I needed to drink every half hour," Balhi said. "The most difficult bit is finding a place to stay and take a shower. But someone usually puts me up at his house."

Balhi will take a boat from Bahrain to Karachi via Dubai and then its overland through India, Nepal, Tibet and China.

Frenchman left with only his feet to tour the world

A globe-trot from Paris to Peking for a 'cup of tea'

BAHRAIN (R) — Thieves who stole his car, bicycle and motorbike left a young Frenchman only his feet, and now he hopes to be first to trot the globe without using aircraft.

Djamel Balhi, 24, from Paris, told reporters on Monday he has so far braved the Gulf warfront and scorching Arabian deserts in a 6,000 km (3,600 miles) jog.

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Inquiry ordered following soccer riots in Scotland

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Scotland's Sports Minister Michael Forsyth said Sunday he is to call for a full report into an incident at a Scottish Premier Division soccer game in which a gas canister was fired into the crowd, injuring some 40 people.

The incident happened during Saturday's match between Hibernian and Glasgow Celtic, which was held up for 17 minutes before Celtic won 1-0, to go top of the standings.

Officials said 40 fans were taken to hospital and several hundred more were treated for the effects of fumes. The match was held up as supporters invaded the field to escape the gas.

Police, who are studying a video film of the match, said the canister was fired from the Celtic end of the ground into covered bleachers occupied by Hibernian supporters in the second-half.

Announcing the inquiry, Forsyth said such behaviour was both stupid and dangerous, and did nothing for Scotland's sporting image.

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Defence spending remains constant at \$5b

New Israeli budget cuts spending by \$471m

TEL AVIV (AP) — Finance Minister Moshe Nissim presented cabinet with a \$30.6 billion budget Monday, which includes cuts of \$471 million in government subsidies, education and health services. Defence spending remains constant. The budget is part of a U.S.-

requested austerity programme begun in 1985 to curb triple-digit inflation, stabilise the economy and reduce a \$750 million government deficit.

Israeli media reported details of the proposal Monday, but finance ministry officials refused immediate comment.

Cargill tops Forbes list of private U.S. firms

NEW YORK (AP) — Cargill, a grain trader whose sales exceeded \$2 billion last fiscal year, is again the nation's largest private company, according to Forbes magazine's 1987 rankings.

Cargill has topped the Forbes list of the nation's 400 largest private companies for three consecutive years.

The list is based on total annual sales. Cargill's sales figure of \$32.4 billion in fiscal 1986 was more than 50 per cent higher than the \$20.3 billion in revenue of second-ranked Safeway Stores, a grocery-store chain.

Safeway, unranked the previous year, was taken private in 1986 by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co. in a deal valued at \$4.2 billion.

Continental Grain, a commodity trading firm, was third for the third time, with sales of \$13.5 billion.

Ranked behind the top three were: Koch Industries, with sales of \$13 billion; Mars, \$7.7 billion; Bechtel Group, \$6.57 billion; Supermarkets General, \$5.5 billion and R.H. Macy, \$5.2 billion.

A private company either has too few shareholders to file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or files such reports but its stock is not available to the public.

Government-sponsored and non-profit businesses were excluded from the list.

The magazine estimated there are seven million privately held companies in the United States, compared with about 10,000 public companies.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

One Sterling	1.8315/25	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3062/72	Canadian dollar
	1.6353/60	West German marks
	1.8395/8405	Dutch guilders
	1.3405/15	Swiss francs
	34.22/25	Belgian francs
	5.5640/65	French francs
	1209/1210	Italian lire
	132.05/15	Japanese yen
	5.9475/9525	Swedish kronas
	6.3600/50	Supermarket's General, \$5.5 billion and R.H. Macy, \$5.2 billion.
	6.3225/75	Norwegian kronas
One ounce of gold	494.25/495.00	Danish kronas
		U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares were steady around the day's sharply lower levels in later afternoon, showing no significant response to the expected opening sell-off on Wall Street, dealers said.

By 1514 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was down 4.7 per cent or 7.3 points to 1,574.3 but this compared with 1,574.9 at 1400 GMT. The index touched a low of 1,570 shortly before 1400 GMT.

Dealers said London remained calm after the Wall Street plunge as a sharp fall in response to the weaker dollar had been anticipated in New York. Prices were moved sharply lower from the first trades on worries about inflation and higher interest rates arising from the lower U.S. currency.

Shares analyst Tim Congdon of Shearson Lehman described Monday's U.K. equity falls as a response to Washington's apparent resignation to further declines in the dollar.

Economists in the U.K. agree the Reagan administration now wants to use the lower dollar to stimulate growth in 1988.

THE Daily Crossword by Hank Harrington



Filipino rebel officers surrender

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The military announced Monday the surrender of five officers who took part in the August coup attempt, but there was no sign of rebel chief Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan on the deadline for his surrender.

Military spokesman Col. Oscar Florendo said the five had surrendered within the past 48 hours to meet a Monday deadline, after which those involved in the Aug. 28 coup attempt will be dropped from the active duty rolls as deserters.

Col. Florendo said the five included Maj. Ben-Hur Fernandez, who led the rebel force that took over two television stations during the coup attempt; Capt. Victorino Panganiban; Maj. Saulito Aromin; Maj. Medardo Apacible; and Lt. Allen Bantolo.

Col. Florendo said the military would not extend the deadline for the remaining 17 officers and 108 enlisted men to surrender without losing military pay and benefits.

He said those who wanted to give up should telephone one of 15 numbers by the end of the day and "physically return" by noon Tuesday.

Maj. Fernandez appeared

identified, denied press reports that another senior mutineer, Lt. Col. Reynaldo Berroya, had surrendered. Col. Berroya led the takeover of the Philippine Constabulary garrison at Camp Honasan.

The officer told the Associated Press that he was still negotiating with Col. Berroya and said Col. Berroya may surrender soon.

On Sunday, private radio station DZXL said Col. Honasan told one of its reporters, Joseph Parafina, and five other Filipinos journalists that he wanted to help Mrs. Aquino but would not surrender. Col. Honasan was interviewed at his hideout in the central Luzon region north of Manila, the station said.

"I have no such plans because no terms have been offered," Parafina quoted Col. Honasan as saying of his possible surrender.

"He said he would like to talk to the president and that he wants to help the administration because he knows it is still weak," Parafina said.

President spokesman Teodoro Benigno said the only

thing Mrs. Aquino could offer Col. Honasan if he surrenders is a guarantee of his safety.

"As far as I know, and this is what the president has been saying, she is very willing for Gringo to give up. His safety is secured, but there will be no terms and conditions," Mr. Benigno said in a telephone interview. "There has been no indication that she has veered away from that position."

Col. Honasan reportedly denied charges by Manila Police Chief Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim that he had stashed more than 30,000 rounds of machinegun ammunition in a Manila house in preparation for an attack early next month. The ammunition was seized during a raid on the house Friday.

"He laughed and asked, 'why is it that every time something happens, we are the ones blamed?'" Parafina said.

He said Honasan was not bothered by the loss of pay and benefits. He said those at large have not been paid or received any benefits since the coup attempt.

Nine bodies found at S. African crash site

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (Agencies) — Search teams found four more bodies Monday in the Indian Ocean near where a South African Airways Jumbo jet crashed with 159 people on board. Nine bodies have been recovered so far.

The crash occurred early Saturday after the Boeing 747's pilot reported smoke inside the plane as it approached Mauritius for a refueling stop en route from Taiwan to Johannesburg. Only small pieces of debris have been found, and all aboard are presumed dead.

The five bodies found Sunday were brought to the Mauritian capital, Port Louis, early Monday and taken to a hospital for an autopsy.

Officials would not speculate on the cause of the crash of the 747-200 "Combi," a Jumbo Jet designed to carry passengers and cargo.

Mauritius is an island chain 3,520 kilometres north east of Johannesburg and about 800 kilometres east of Madagascar, a larger island nation east of southern Africa.

COLUMNS 7&8

Undersea research station launched

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has announced the launching of an undersea research station that allows scientists to work for virtually unlimited time to examine the ocean depths. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said the 81-ton station, called Aquarius, has been placed on the floor of the Salt Water Canyon off the island of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The \$5.5-million station, which is 13 metres long, 3.5 metres wide and 5 metres high, has three compartments and can house up to six people. It replaces the undersea station, Hydrolab, which completed nearly 300 missions between 1966 and 1985 for the administration. The new station "makes it possible for scientists to live and work on the ocean floor for virtually unlimited time, allowing a nine-hour day of research before returning to the habitat," NOAA said in a statement.

During the next two years, the Aquarius will be used in various undersea research including fisheries studies, oceanography, marine engineering research and studies into the cause of coral bleaching in the Caribbean, the agency said. The station is connected by an umbilical system to an unmanned surface support boat and operates without support from the shore. If power or air is interrupted, an emergency system activates, providing occupants up to 72 hours for decompression and swimming to the surface, the agency said. The main chamber in the vessel houses the sleeping area, laboratory equipment, computers and a modern galley. From the living compartment, scientists may look through observation ports to view sealife.

Company to produce pineapple cloth

TOKYO (R) — Pineapple consumers will soon be able to wear them as well as eat them thanks to a Japanese textile firm which is to mass-produce a cloth made from pineapple fibre. A spokeswoman for the Kanebo Company said pineapple cloth was stronger than cotton, good in water absorption, easy to dry, and has a texture somewhere between cotton and linen. "It is the fifth natural textile after cotton, linen, silk and wool," she said. "It can also be woven together with other materials." The firm expects clothes made with the textile to appear in the shops by late 1988. The Philippines has traditionally made pineapple textiles as a handicraft industry but Kanebo will be the first to produce them on a modern basis, she said.

Sicilian pensioner shoots lawyer

LENTINI, Sicily (R) — A Sicilian pensioner, exasperated by years of delay to his lawsuit, took a gun to court and shot his lawyer. Police said Salvatore Amenta, 77, drew a pistol from his pocket during a hearing in this eastern town and fired at Salvatore Maddalena, 37, slightly wounding him and a colleague. The hearing was immediately suspended. They said Amenta had been seeking a ruling to secure the demolition of a house he alleged had been built without planning permission opposite his, blocking the view. "My case has been postponed on and off for 14 years. Appeals, petitions, reports, it's enough to make you go crazy... I have paid millions of lire to the lawyers," police later quoted him as saying.

Girl survives by eating potato chips

KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP) — A 17-month-old girl survived for two to three weeks by apparently eating potato chips and drinking water from a toilet while her parents and infant sister lay dead nearby, authorities say. She probably will have no recollection of the ordeal, they add. Linda M. Cox was listed in fair condition at Bethany Medical Centre, nursing supervisor Mary Chance has said. The girl, discovered in her parents' home Friday, had a roast beef dinner Saturday and "she's eating fine today," she said Sunday. Linda was found huddled with the family dog in the bathroom after a relative went to visit, noticed an odor coming from the locked house and called police. The bodies of her parents, Matthew Madl, 29, and Angela Cox, 17, were found with guns nearby in the living room of the small one-story house. Autopsies found they died of single shots to the head. Police suspect that Madl, who had complained of financial problems, shot and killed Ms. Cox two or three weeks ago, then turned the gun on himself. The body of 3-month-old Amber D. Cox was found strapped in an infant seat in a bedroom. An autopsy found she died of dehydration. Police Lt. Ron Miller said Linda may have survived by eating potato chips, since chips were found scattered throughout the house. He speculated that the dog drank from the toilet bowl and said Linda could have done the same. Miller said dog feces found in the house led police to believe that there was dog food within the dog's reach.

Fear of AIDS changing sex practices

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans are changing their sex habits out of fear of AIDS, with more than 40 per cent of adults concerned that they will contract the deadly virus, according to the latest gallup poll. AIDS is viewed by 68 per cent of Americans as the nation's most serious health problem, while 14 per cent consider cancer more serious and 7 per cent heart disease, according to the poll, published in New York Times. The poll found that 20 per cent of American adults are "very concerned" that they will get acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and 23 per cent are "a little concerned." Because of this concern, 55 per cent of American adults are taking specific precautions against AIDS — using condoms, using more discretion in choosing sexual partners, avoiding blood transfusions or saving their own blood in blood banks — or plan to be more cautious, the poll indicated. The poll was based on interviews with 1,569 adults in 300 cities and towns between Oct. 23 and Oct. 26. The sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Religion cited in fishing dispute

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Eskimos in the village of Quinhagak say catch-and-release fishing by sportsmen violates their religious beliefs. "It is against the natives' religion to allow their food to be played with and wasted," attorneys with Alaska Legal Services in Bethel wrote in a proposal to Alaska Board of Fisheries to ban the practice of catch-and-release on the Kanekok River. The village and river are about 680 kilometres south west of Anchorage. The natives and their attorneys claim that fish released after being hooked by sport fishermen often die. Mac Minard, fisheries biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham, estimated as much as 30 per cent of the fish released by anglers die. Alexie Pleasant, a village leader, said Eskimos have been taught that fish and game resources should not be used for pleasure. Assistant Attorney General Larni Spangler said she doesn't think the villagers' religious rights are being violated. "Religious freedom issues do not come into play until people are forced to do something against their religion, or are forced to refrain from doing something," she said. "That doesn't appear to be the case in Quinhagak." The religion argument was greeted with scepticism and anger by sportsmen.

"What they want is an exclusive subsistence area," said Tom Elias, president of the Alaska Sport Fishing Association. David Law, a member of the Alaska Fly Fishers, called the proposed ban on hook-and-release ridiculous. It would set a dangerous precedent, he said. Trouble between natives and fishermen who fly into the Kanekok area has been brewing for the past five years. Minard said. Heated words and shoves were exchanged in July after the Alaska Department of Fish and Game closed the river to commercial fishing, but left it open for sport fishing.

Avalanche buries Chilean workers camp; 60 missing

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Government television reported that 60 people were missing and feared dead following an avalanche that roared down an Andean valley near Santiago, burying a workers' camp and a picnic area.

Two bodies were recovered from the Sunday avalanche, both several kilometres from the workers' camp. One was the body of a boy about 8 years old.

Radio stations earlier said 25 workers were missing from the camp. Authorities said in a preliminary report that 18 people from the workers' camp were missing and that they could not account for many people at the picnic grounds.

Authorities said dozens of people were injured, some seriously, when snow, rocks and mud swept down the mountainside at about 12:30 p.m. (1500 GMT). Many of the injured were on Sunday outings in the area near Los Maitenes, a village 75 kilometres south east of the capital of Santiago.

Rescue crews and military and police helicopters rushed to the region. Police said by dusk that

Philippine death toll from Nina rises to 658

MANILA (R) — The death toll from typhoon Nina, which caused havoc in the central Philippines last week, has risen to 658, official reports said on Monday.

Government officials said the toll was expected to rise as reports from isolated interior villages arrived. They said 14 towns in the coconut-growing Bicol region were still submerged as rescue operations continued for the fifth day.

Social Welfare Secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera appealed for food and medicine for the more than 100,000 people made home-

less by Nina, the fiercest typhoon to hit the country this year.

She said an epidemic might break out if food and medicine were not distributed soon and electricity restored.

The typhoon struck last Wednesday night, causing tidal waves that flattened several villages. At least 500 of the fatalities were from coastal villages in Sorsogon, the worst hit of the 18 provinces declared calamity areas by President Corazon Aquino.

A calamity area is entitled to government assistance and prices of essential commodities are kept low.

Three Sri Lankan policemen of the anti-guerrilla special task force were shot dead when Tigers ambushed a foot-patrol and attacked a police station in the eastern district Muttrur.

Meanwhile, President Junius Jayewardene appointed newcom-

Mozambique rebel attack death toll reaches 63

MAPUTO (R) — The number of people killed in last Saturday's rebel ambush on a road convoy in Mozambique has risen from 42 to 63, the semi-official newspaper Notícias reported on Monday.

The attack by Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) rebels took place at Maluana, 50 kilometres north of the capital Maputo.

Notícias said 32 of the 78 wounded were in serious condition.

At least two reported dead in Kabul gun battle

KABUL (R) — At least two people were killed and one seriously injured in a 30-minute gun battle in Kabul as delegates loyal to the Soviet-backed government convened for the second day of a national assembly, witnesses said.

The shooting started at about 7:30 a.m. (0300 GMT), when long bursts of machinegun fire and other explosions echoed around the mountains overlooking the Afghan capital.

Western eyewitnesses said they had seen two bodies and a third person lying injured in the street near a wrecked car about one kilometre from the Kabul Polytechnic, where the assembly,

or Loya Jirgah, was taking place. It was not possible to determine exactly where the firing was coming from.

Afghan officials said the shooting started after a former guerrilla commander, who joined the government side two years ago with the rank of general, attempted to force his way into the assembly with armed guards.

"There are certain security measures that everyone is obliged to follow," Hashmat Kaiani, a spokesman for the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), told foreign reporters gathered in Kabul to attend the assembly.

The PDPA has been fighting to overthrow the Mozambican government for the past 11 years.

The United States provided \$1.2-million in military aid to Kabul this year and \$100 million in economic assistance, which included both humanitarian and non-humanitarian aid except cooperation to fight the narcotics trade.

A senior White House official said the move was intended to show that Washington was "fed up with the interim government" in the Caribbean nation, which was scheduled on Sunday to hold its first free vote in 30 years.

"This was a step that we were prepared to take if the election went off track," said the official, who asked not to be identified.

The United States provided the club itself as the means of transportation! Win the opening lead in hand and immediately duck a club. Let's suppose East wins and shifts to a diamond. Grab the ace, cash a high trump just as an extra precaution should they be 2-2, then cross to the king of clubs and ruff a club high. That sets up the suit, and you can get back to the board with the ace of clubs and ruff a club high. That's another hand where the key is the knowledge that six missing cards will break 4-2 more often than the will 3-3. How would you plan the play in six spades after a trump lead?

The bidding is straightforward. Had you landed in a grand slam, you would have had no alternative, but to hope for an even club split, so that you could get two discards

on long clubs. Fortunately, you are only in a small slam so one discard will suffice. And you are lucky the opponents did not lead a diamond, which would have left you with no recourse other than a 3-3 club split.

Even with a trump lead, you need to time the hand delicately. Unfortunately, the spade spots are such that, even if the enemy trump divide evenly, you could not get more than one entry to dummy from the suit.

Suppose you win the first trick, cash the ace-king of clubs and ruff a club. When the suit breaks 4-2 you still have an entry to dummy for the club ruff to establish the fifth club, but you have no way to get back to the table to enjoy it.

The solution to your problem is to use the club suit itself as the means of transportation! Win the opening lead in hand and immediately duck a club. Let's suppose East wins and shifts to a diamond. Grab the ace, cash a high trump just as an extra precaution should they be 2-2, then cross to the king of clubs and ruff a club high. That sets up the suit, and you can get back to the board with the ace of clubs and ruff a club high. That's another hand where the key is the knowledge that six missing cards will break 4-2 more often than the will 3-3. How would you plan the play in six spades after a trump lead?

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SPOT THE LOSER

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ A 4 2

7 6 4

Q J 5

♦ A K 6 4 2

WEST

♦ 8 7 3

6

Q J 9 8

Q 10 7 5

Q 10 6

8 K 8 8 4 3 2

♦ Q 10 9 8

♦ J 6

SOUTH

♦ K Q J 10 9 5

Q A K 2

Q A 7

Q 7 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass